



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-15, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-15 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A review of social media and public messaging channels showed no posts of concern for any of the bridges in the Niagara Region.
- No posts of concern were located regarding an upcoming organized protest in Windsor.
- Discussions in Facebook groups created to coordinate Windsor area protests suggest that members are exploring alternative avenues of communication and the privatization of previously public Facebook groups.
- A commercial truck carrying 10,000 pillows is attempting to cross into Sarnia from Port Huron, Michigan sent by **Personal Info.**, a prominent TRUMP supporter and election conspiracy theorist. The truck is currently stopped at the border and is attempting to obtain the permits required to enter into Canada to be delivered to Ottawa.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

Users on the "Freedom Convoy Fort Erie Border 2022" Facebook group are discussing alternatives to protesting at the Peace Bridge and have suggested locations at town halls, city halls.¹ This would allow them to establish a more permanent protest location.

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

There are significantly less public posts on Twitter regarding the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. Most posts using Windsor-related hashtags are in reference to the recently enacted Emergency Act. The Facebook group 'WINDSOR SLOWDOWN TO SUPPORT THE OTTAWA CONVOY' took a poll and users voted to have the group go private in three days.ⁱ This Facebook group has been a source of information pertaining to protests and planning protests in the Windsor area.

A Facebook user in the group 'WINDSOR CONVOY FOR FREEDOM 2022' indicated that social media companies may remove anything convoy related from their platforms. The user suggested people send an email to WindsorConvoy2022@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list in the event the Facebook group is shut down. One Facebook user suggested to switch to Truth Social.ⁱⁱ Truth Social is a new social media app created by TRUMP MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY GROUP (TMTG) scheduled to launch on 2022-02-21.ⁱⁱⁱ Truth Social may become a platform used by protesters once it is launched.

SARNIA

The RIGHT SIDE BROADCASTING NETWORK (RSB) livestreamed a 53-foot truck allegedly in Port Huron, Michigan attempting to enter into Canada carrying 10,000 pillows.^{iv} Conflicting reports have also suggested that the truck is in Detroit, Michigan. The exact location cannot be confirmed at this time.

The truck was sent by **Personal Info.**, the CEO of MY PILLOW, prominent TRUMP supporter and election conspiracy theorist.^v It was reported that **Person** wants to donate 10,000 pillows to the Canadian truckers involved in the convoy to reward them with a gift. It was reported that there is a team in Ottawa that knows the truck is coming and waiting to be unloaded. If the truck is denied entry into Canada, they will turn around and commence Plan "B". Plan "B" is to get another trucker who has status to enter Canada. The RSB Network live stream concluded at approximately 1426hrs; however, it may start up again if they are able to obtain permits to enter Canada.

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No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

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Discussions in Facebook groups created to coordinate Windsor area protests suggest that members are exploring alternative avenues of communication and the privatization of previously public Facebook groups. This would result in a larger intelligence gap for protest activities in the Windsor area.

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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